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COLD STORAGE COLD CHAIN FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storage/cold chain facilities for perishable agro products, available in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the said facilities are fully owned and managed by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the details of the ownership of such facilities being managed by private parties;

(e) the funds allocated and utilised by the private parties for establishing such facilities alongwith the capacity created during the last three years;

(f) whether the quantum of wastage of agro products has been minimised by such cold storage godowns; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The total number of cold storage facilities for perishable agro products available in the country is 5101 (as on December, 2006). The State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(b)to(d): The cold storages in the country are owned and managed by private sector (90%), cooperative sector (7%) and public sectors (3%). The details are given at Annexure-II.

(e): The funds allocated and capacity created by private sectors for establishing such facilities under the Scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce" of the National Horticulture Board for the last three years is given at Annexure-III.

(f)&(g): The cold storage facilities have minimized the overall wastage of perishables but the quantum has not been assessed.